



Los Angeles County Legislative Update

September 8, 2022

Greetings,

Below is an update on Federal and State legislative items of interest to the County of Los Angeles.



COUNTY ADVOCACY POSITIONS

On August 30, 2022, the Board of Supervisors took action on the following measures:

- **SUPPORT FOR H.R. 8685 AND S. 4787: THE AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT**

Support H.R. 8685 and S. 4787, the Afghan Adjustment Act, and other similar measures that would provide Afghan refugees a pathway to legal immigration status to remain in the United States. Additionally, send a five-signature letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer urging Congress to take up and pass the Afghan Adjustment Act. More details regarding this motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 1766: CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION FOR ALL**

Support AB 1766 and, other similar measures, that would expand access to IDs for all residents of California. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) operates 19 America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) throughout LA County? The AJCC helps both job seekers and employers. For more information:

America's **JobCenter**
of CaliforniaSM

- COUNTY RESPONSE TO WINDSOR HILLS FATALITIES AND FAST-TRACKING SOLUTIONS TO INCREASED TRAFFIC FATALITIES COUNTYWIDE

Explore what State and/or local statutory changes may be needed to allow the County to regulate excessive speed including, but not limited to, deploying automated speed enforcement and red-light cameras at key intersections on unincorporated streets; and if State statutory changes are needed, sponsor or support State legislation, as appropriate. More details regarding this new policy are available [here](#).



END OF SESSION UPDATE

The State Legislature adjourned the 2021-2022 legislative session on August 31st. Below is a summary of the final outcomes for the County's sponsored and co-sponsored policy bills and budget proposals for 2022. Please note that Governor Newsom has until the end of September to sign or veto legislation on his desk.

COUNTY SPONSORED STATE BUDGET PROPOSALS

- **LAC+USC Restorative Care Village and General Hospital** - Provides \$50 million for the LAC+USC General Hospital Campus Reuse Project.
 - *Status: This proposal was adopted in AB 179, (Chapter 4249, Statutes of 2022), the second budget bill jr.*
- **Authorize the County to use AB 900 Grant Funding for Capital Facilities for Alternatives to Incarceration** - Allows Los Angeles County to redirect \$100 million previously allocated for jail construction to a non-custodial treatment facility that would provide behavioral health and other rehabilitative services to justice-involved populations, within the community.
 - *Status: This proposal was adopted in AB 178 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022), which allocated \$100 million in State General Funds to the County. \$50 million will be used for moderately to severely mentally-ill justice-involved individuals; and \$50 million to will be used for the Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial population.*
- **Repurpose and Reimagine the Challenger Memorial Youth Center** - Would provide \$25 million to repurpose and reimagine the Challenger Memorial Youth Center, which would help under-served and under-resourced youth transition safely and securely to an independent adulthood.
 - *Status: This proposal was not adopted in the 2022 State Budget Act. The County will continue to advance this request during the 2023-2024 Legislative Session.*

- **Los Angeles Training Center (LATC) Reentry Program** - Would provide \$6.88 million in ongoing State funding for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the California Conservation Corps to fund stipends and other operational costs to implement the County's LATC. The LATC is a joint partnership with the State to support firefighter training and employment opportunities to individuals facing barriers to employment, particularly for those who were previously incarcerated.
 - *Status: This proposal was not adopted in the 2022 State Budget Act. The County will continue to advance this request during the 2023-2024 Legislative Session.*

COUNTY CO-SPONSORED BUDGET PROPOSAL

- **Los Angeles County Child Welfare Services** - The County co-sponsored this budget proposal with SEIU California to request \$200 million in State General Funds (SGF), ongoing beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 to address Los Angeles County Child Welfare Services' structural deficit.
 - *Status: AB 178 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022) approved \$200 million SGF in FY 2022-23 and \$100 million SGF in FY 2023-24 for Los Angeles County Child Welfare Stabilization.*

COUNTY SPONSORED LEGISLATION

- **AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan): Miles Hall Lifeline Act** - Would require 9-8-8 centers to provide a person experiencing a behavioral health crisis access to a trained counselor by call and, by a specified date, provide access to a trained counselor by call, text, and chat. Establishes a 988 surcharge for the 2023 and 2024 calendar years at \$0.08 per access line per month, and for years beginning January 1, 2025, at an amount based on a specified formula,
 - *Status: Pending Governor Gavin Newson's action.*
- **AB 2117 (Gipson): Mobile Stroke Unit** - Would define a Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU) as a hybrid emergency response ambulance under the direction of a local emergency services agency and as an emergency treatment, imaging and transportation unit for stroke patients; and would provide coverage for emergency health care services to include coverage for services performed by a MSU.
 - *Status: Pending Governor Gavin Newson's action.*
- **AB 2421 (Rubio): Enforcement Against Water Theft and Pollution from Illegal Cannabis Grows** - Will provide authority to county counsels and city attorneys to civilly prosecute and enjoin water theft, and authorize county counsels to civilly prosecute and enjoin water pollution related to unlicensed cannabis cultivation.
 - *Status: Provisions of AB 2421 were incorporated into AB 195 (Chapter 56, Statutes of 2022), the Cannabis Budget Trailer Bill.*

- AB 2425 (Bryan): Community Colleges: Hire UP: From Corrections to Career Pilot Program - Will establish a five-year pilot program to be administered by the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, which would provide stipends to formerly incarcerated individuals, CalWORKS recipients, and former foster youth who are participating in a credential attainment or career training program at a California community college.
 - *Status: Provisions of AB 2421 were incorporated into AB 195 (Chapter 56, Statutes of 2022), the Cannabis Budget Trailer Bill.*
- AB 2473 (Nazarian): Increasing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Registered Counselor Standards - Would raise the minimum training standards (9.5 hours of training/orientation) for individuals interested in becoming registered SUD Counselors in California, by adding a new section to the California Health and Safety code to specify minimum training requirements.
 - *Status: Pending Governor Gavin Newson's action.*
- AB 2766 (Maienschein): Administrative Subpoena Authority to Investigate Unfair Competition Law (UCL) Cases - Would grant administrative subpoena authority to investigate UCL cases to county counsels and city attorneys of the largest cities and counties in the state, which already have the authority to prosecute UCL cases. This authority also includes the ability to issue pre-litigation subpoenas.
 - *Status: Pending Governor Gavin Newson's action.*
- ACR 177 (Bloom): Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway - Would request that the California Department of Transportation remove the "The Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway" designation from the portion of Interstate 10 in the State, as well as any signage and markers memorializing that designation; and advise the Federal Highway Administration of the State's action.
 - *Status: Passed the Assembly and Senate.*
- SB 1178 (Bradford): Eliminate the Time Limitation to File a Petition for Proposition 47 Resentencing Relief - Would have amended the resentencing provisions of Proposition 47 to eliminate the time limitation in which a person convicted of a qualifying low-level felony may file a petition to the court to have the sentence reduced to a misdemeanor. The deadline to file a petition for relief to the Court is November 4, 2022.
 - *Status: SB 1178 failed passage on the Assembly Floor and is not moving forward.*

SAVE THE DATE

LET'S
TALK...



County of Los Angeles
**Anti-Racism,
Diversity,
& Inclusion**

CREATING AN LA COUNTY
WHERE WE ALL THRIVE

Join us for a dynamic discussion about the County's Anti-Racism,
Diversity, & Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
11:00 A.M. PST
THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL EVENT

Speaker: D'Artagnan Scorza, PhD,
Executive Director of Racial Equity,
Los Angeles County



RSVP TODAY: Let's Talk... ARDI

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

Information regarding the County's legislative policies and priorities can be found at: [Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations](#).

Information on federal and state legislation of interest to the County can be found [here](#).

Please contact us at legislativeaffairs@ceo.lacounty.gov with any questions.



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